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Dear General,

This is to request you for an autographed map of yours. I was hesitating to disturb you now, for I knew you must be very busy these days. But I thought I will not be able to get your address later on. I hope you won't mind that much.

It was a source of great pleasure [redacted] to read in the papers that you intend to devote much of your time after your retirement towards the welfare of the youth. It gave me great satisfaction to learn that at least one of the great men will pay attention to the youth. There is a great degeneration among the youth — especially the students. There is no enthusiasm in them for their works. Probably much of that is due to the fact that a great majority of students do not know what will become of them after they leaves schools or colleges. The blame for the lowering of standards in every sphere of their activities surely does not lie with the students alone. There is incredible inactivity on the part of our leaders in this respect.

I don't think mere speeches can go a long way. I simply fail to understand why the future of the country is not made safer and brighter than the present. Considering all that, it is heartening to know your programme for the future.

In the end, may I hope that I will get an autographed map of yours which will be a source of inspiration for me.

Thanking you,

Yours Sincerely,
Prakash Narain

P.S.

May I add that I am a student myself, and have written everything from personal experience.

Prakash Narain